

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 163.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, June 4, 1863.

I..The following revised order, in relation to advance pay, bounties, and premiums, as paid by the United States, is published for the information of all concerned, and will govern in lieu of all other orders on the subject:

A RESOLUTION to encourage Enlistments in the Regular Army and Volunteer forces.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the ninth section of the act approved August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act for the better organization of the military establishment," as abolishes the premium paid for bringing accepted recruits to the rendezvous, be and the same is hereby repealed, and hereafter a premium of two dollars shall be paid to any citizen, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, for such accepted recruit for the regular army [as] he may bring to the rendezvous. And every soldier who hereafter enlists, either in the regular army or the volunteers, for three years, or during the war, may receive his first month's pay in advance, upon the mustering of his company into the service of the United States, or after he shall have been mustered into and joined a regiment already in the service.

Approved June 21, 1862.

#### REGULAR ARMY.

1. For the two dollar premium, *regular service*, the form of the receipt roll annexed will be used as a consolidated voucher for the payments.

The payments will be made so soon as the recruit is accepted by the recruiting officer, and from the recruiting fund for the regular army.

#### VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

2. All *accepted recruits*, for volunteer organizations, will be paid a premium of two dollars. The premium may be paid to any citizen, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, *for every accepted recruit*, who may enlist,

or to the recruit in person, in case he presents himself. These payments will be made so soon as the recruit has been inspected by the surgeon, and mustered into service.

The amounts will be entered on the muster-in roll, opposite the names of the recruits so paid, and charged to the fund for "*collecting, drilling, and organizing Volunteers.*" For a voucher, a modified form of that used in the regular service will be used.

#### REGULAR AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

3. The month's pay in advance, for accepted regular and volunteer recruits, will be paid under such regulations as may be established by the Paymaster General.

II.—During the continuance of the existing war, and under Sec. 6 of the act approved July 5th, 1862, (General Orders 77, A. G. O., 1862, page 7,) *twenty-five dollars* of the one hundred dollars bounty will be paid to every *accepted recruit* of the regular and volunteer forces.

These payments will be made as follows, viz :

1. To recruits for *volunteer* organizations in the field when the said recruits are inspected and mustered into the service, and to those of the new organizations when their companies are organized, muster-in rolls made out, and the mustering officer's certificate given thereto. The amounts will be entered on the muster-in rolls, opposite the name of the recruits, respectively. They will be accounted for under the head of "*Bounty—Volunteer Recruiting Service.*" To this end, an account current separate from that for the fund for "*collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers,*" will be used, but the "*bounty fund*" will be disbursed by the regularly appointed mustering and disbursing officers.

2. To recruits for the *regular service* when the recruit has been passed by the "Board of Inspectors," at the regimental or general service depôt, as the case may be. The amounts under this head will be paid from the recruiting funds for the regular army, and entered on the recruiting account current, opposite the names of the recruits, respectively; and also on the first descriptive list of the soldier; whenever this list is given *before bounty has been paid*, an entry—" \$25 bounty due for enlistment"—will be made thereon.

In case of re-enlisted soldiers, in the *regular army*, the entry, as to payment or non-payment, will be made on the first muster-roll, and the superintendent of the recruiting service will be notified of the fact.

3. Vouchers for payment will be in the form of consolidated receipt rolls.

III.--Volunteer soldiers, who, after the expiration of their term *re-enter the service, for three years or during the war*, receive the same bounties, advanced pay, and premiums, and are paid in the same manner, as men enlisted from civil life.

IV.--To facilitate the payment of the twenty-five dollars advanced bounty, and two dollars premium, in *individual* cases of enlistment, and to discharged soldiers, when these amounts have not been paid at the time of muster into service, the following rules will govern :

1. The amounts will be entered on the muster-in roll, and will be entered and continued on every subsequent muster and pay roll, until the soldier is paid by the paymaster.

2. When not paid before discharge, the amounts due for premium and bounty will be entered upon the duplicate certificates (final statements) for pay, and the discharged soldier will be paid by the paymaster. Company commanders will be careful to enter these amounts on the soldiers' final certificates.

V.--The following is an act to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the employment of volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," approved July twenty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.—(See *General Orders, No. 49, A. G. O., of 1861, page 3* )

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every non-commissioned officer, private, or other person, who has been or shall hereafter be discharged from the army of the United States within two years from the date of their enlistment, by reason of wounds received in battle shall be entitled to receive the same bounty as is granted or may be granted to the same classes of persons who are discharged after a service of*

two years, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed."

Approved March 3, 1863.

VI..Persons of African descent who enlist under the act approved July 17th, 1862, (General Orders 91, A. G. O., 1862, page 25,) are entitled to "*ten dollars per month and one ration ; three dollars of which monthly pay may be in clothing.*"

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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